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SUBJECT: CONTINUED KUWAITI EDITORIAL COMMENT ON BEGIN'S VISIT TO US

1. KUWAITI EDITORIAL TREATMENT OF BEGIN'S VISIT TO THE US CONTINUES HEAVY AND REFLECTS THE SIGNIFICANT PALESTININIAN INFLUENCE IN EDITORIAL POLICY. WHILE ONE PAPER WAS "SADDENED" TO SEE RECENT COMMENTS BY ARAB LEADERS ON THE INEVITABILITY OF WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IT CHARGED BEGIN AND PRES. CARTER WITH AGREEING ON THE NEED FOR COMPLETE ARAB SUBMISSION TO ISRAELI DESIRES (AL ANBA JULY 18). ANOTHER EDITORIAL CALLED BEGIN'S WORKING PAPER (REPORTEDLY IN USE DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT) A "SLAP IN THE FACE" FOR ARABS AND ASSERTED THAT IT WILL PUT PRES. CARTER'S PREVIOUSLY "AMBIGUOUS" PUBLIC POSITION TO A REAL TEST AND RESOLVE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, THE SPLIT OF OPINION ON US POLICY IN THE ARAB WORLD WHICH DERIVES FROM CARTER'S AMBIGUITY (AL ANBA, JULY 19). AL-QABAS (JULY 18) DREW ATTENTION TO THE PALESTINIAN HOMELAND ISSUE. "THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM" AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT PRES. CARTER UNDERSTANDS ITS IMPORTANCE, BUT AL-WATAN (JULY 19) FIGURATIVELY THREW UP ITS HANDS IN SAYING THAT WHATEVER CARTER DECIDES NOW WILL COME TO PASS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, REGARDLESS OF ARAB DESIRES, UNCLASSIFIED

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BECAUSE THE MOMENTUM TOWARD A GENEVA SOLUTION IS TOO STRONG NOW TO WITHSTAND.

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